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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

- [X] Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
- [X] Form PTO-1449 - Information Disclosure Citation, together
with copies of cited references

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with filing of these papers, or credit overpayment, to Account No. 19-4455. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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1. Pursuant to their duty of disclosure, applicants present for the Examiner's consideration the document listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

☒ Copies of the documents are enclosed.

☐ Copies (a copy) of document(s) _____ are (is) not enclosed because they are already of record in U.S. Pat. Application No. _____, filed _____, which this application relies on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).)

2. ☐ Applicant(s) draw(s) the Examiner's attention to the enclosed copy of copending U.S. Pat. Application No. _____, filed _____, for _____, which is cited in this application.

3. This information disclosure statement is being submitted:

a. ☒ Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. (No statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) is required.)

b. ☐ After the period set forth in paragraph 1a, but before the mailing date of either a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. (Check box i. or ii.)

i. ☐ A \$180.00 information disclosure statement submission fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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4. ☒ The attorney or agent signing below hereby states that:

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5. ☐ Applicants set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected documents in the English language.

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